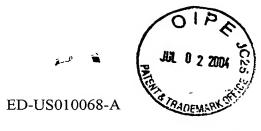
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[X] No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

In response to the May 19, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two (2) of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page three (3) of this paper. Claims 1-3, 7, 11-13, and 17 are pending, with claims 1 and 11 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page eight (8) of this paper.